

*** We invite you to stand as you are able**

INTROIT* “Come, Come, Everybody Worship” The Faith We Sing #2271

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite all to participate by signing the attendance pad located in each pew. If you are a guest and visiting with us – we are glad you are here.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

STATEMENT OF WELCOME TO ALL AND FOR ALL*

All: No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey you are welcome here.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Today God’s word will be spoken to your hearts.

All: Open our ears and our hearts to receive God’s word.

One: Today God’s love will be poured into your life.

All: Prepare us, Lord, to receive your love.

One: Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah!

OPENING PRAYER*

All: Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you. Amen.

HYMN “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” Black Hymnal #282

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 1-13 (CEB)

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten young bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. Now five of them were wise, and the other five were foolish. The foolish ones took their lamps but didn’t bring oil for them. But the wise ones took their lamps and also brought containers of oil.

“When the groom was late in coming, they all became drowsy and went to sleep. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Look, the groom! Come out to meet him.’

“Then all those bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. But the foolish

bridesmaids said to the wise ones, ‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps have gone out.’

“But the wise bridesmaids replied, ‘No, because if we share with you, there won’t be enough for our lamps and yours. We have a better idea. You go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ But while they were gone to buy oil, the groom came. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding. Then the door was shut.

“Later the other bridesmaids came and said, ‘Lord, lord, open the door for us.’

“But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’

“Therefore, keep alert, because you don’t know the day or the hour.”

One: Word of God, for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God!**

SOLO “There Are Some Things I May Not Know” Mike Nelson

MESSAGE “Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet” Pastor Anne Kadue

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

All: Holy Shepherd of all generations, we bring our gifts this morning with thanksgiving and praise! With the confidence and joy that through your love made incarnate in your son Jesus, you’ve forever removed our debt. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERING & HYMN “Blessed Assurance” Black Hymnal #473

DOXOLOGY*

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God, above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SENDING & CIRCLE OF PEACE*

All: Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

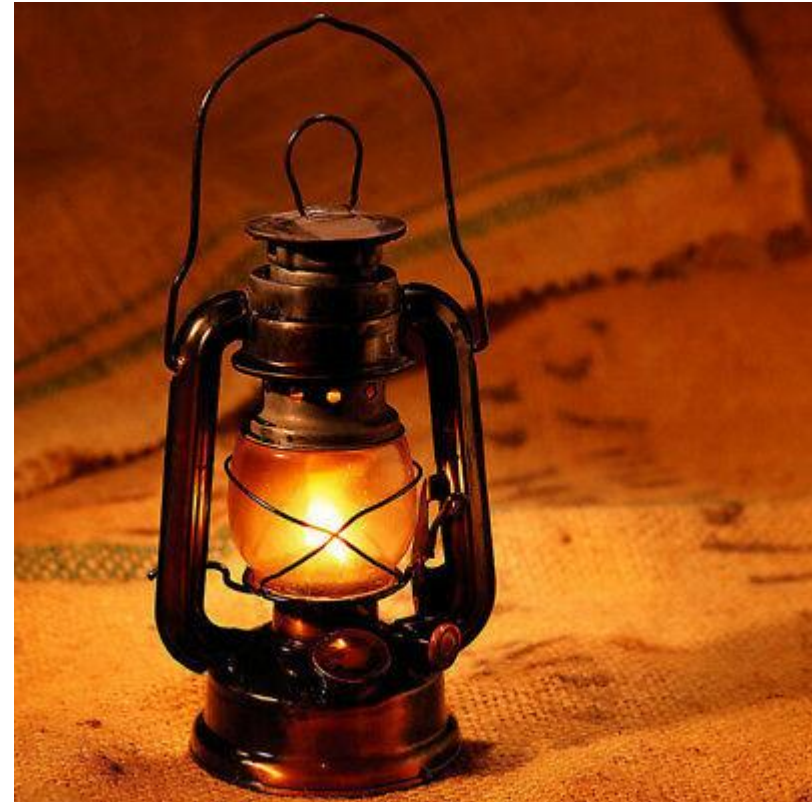
We welcome all persons of every age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, and physical or mental ability into full participation in the life of this faith community. We are committed to the reconciliation of all persons as children of God and declare ourselves to be a Reconciling Congregation.

CHURCH STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Anne Kadue	Lead Pastor
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You are loved. ❤️

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